

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
March 14, 2011

The Honorable Council of the City of Evansville met on regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, 2011 in the City Council Chambers, Room 301 Civic Center Complex, Evansville, Indiana, with President B.J. Watts presiding. The following business was conducted.

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript. Audiotapes of this meeting are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

ROLL CALL:

Present: M^cGinn, Bredhold, Robinson, Friend, Adams, John, Walker, and Watts.

Absent: Mosby

There being eight (8) members present and one (1) member absent and eight (8) members representing a quorum, I hereby declare this session of the Common Council officially open.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This evening the pledge of allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop No. 399.

Fellow Councilmen and those in the audience, welcome to the March 14, 2011 meeting of the Common Council.

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Grace Shymanski - Memorial

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

John Hamilton is City Council Attorney this evening.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

There is no Sergeant at Arms this evening.

READING AND AMENDMENT OF MINUTES

Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting of the Common Council as written?

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held February 28, 2011. Voice vote. So ordered.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

IN YOUR MARCH 11th PACKET:

*City Council Agenda for March 14, 2011 meeting.

*Committee Meeting Schedule.

*Minutes from the February 28, 2011 Meeting of the City Council.

*Finance Ordinance F-2011-1.

*Ordinances G-2011-1, G-2011-2, G-2011-3, and G-2011-4.

*Resolutions C-2011-6 and C-2011-7

*Staff Reports and Minutes from February 10, 2011 Meeting of the Area Plan Commission.

- *February 1, 2011 Evansville Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes.
- *Evansville Housing Authority 2010 Annual Report.
- *A letter to City Council President B.J. Watts from Mayor Weinzapfel regarding the Zoo.
- *A copy of recommendation of Youth Sports Grant Awards for 2011 for approval by City Council as a Whole.

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman Walker seconded the motion to receive, file and make these reports and communications a part of the minutes of the meeting. Voice vote. So ordered.

President Watts: I would to have a motion to suspend the rules to hear Ordinance G-2011-4 on all three readings this evening. The vote must be unanimous.

Councilman Adams moved and Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion to suspend the rules and hear Ordinances G-2011-4 on all three readings this evening. Voice vote. So ordered.

President Watts: I would to have a motion to suspend the rules to hear Ordinance F-2011-1 on all three readings this evening. The vote must be unanimous.

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman John seconded the motion to suspend the rules and hear Ordinances F-2011-1 on all three readings this evening. Voice vote. So ordered.

CONSENT AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2011-1 PUBLIC WORKS MOSBY

An ordinance to vacate certain public right-of-way within the City of Evansville, Indiana, commonly known as right-of-way reserved for Jeanette Avenue at 3911 Pollack Avenue

ORDINANCE G-2011-2 PUBLIC WORKS MOSBY

An ordinance to vacate certain public right-of-way within the City of Evansville, Indiana, commonly known as right-of-way reserved for Jeanette Avenue at 3815 Pollack Avenue

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An ordinance amending Section 8.20.010 of Chapter 8.20 of Title 8 of the City of Evansville Municipal Code

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An ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 16.10 Floodplain Management of the City of Evansville Municipal Code

ORDINANCE F-2011-1 FINANCE FRIEND

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville authorizing transfers of appropriations, additional appropriations and repeal and re-appropriation of funds for various city funds

RESOLUTION C-2011-6**FINANCE****FRIEND**

A Preliminary Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Evansville Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Tax Phase-In for Redevelopment Rehabilitation of Real Property and for the Acquisition and Installation of New Manufacturing Equipment (Sugar Steel)

Councilwoman Robinson moved and Councilman John seconded the motion to adopt the consent agenda as written. Voice vote. So ordered.

CONSENT AGENDA**SECOND READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES****ORDINANCE R-2010-22****FROM APC****R-1 TO C-1**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 3007 First Avenue

Petitioner: St. Matthews United Church of Christ
Owners: Stan Hart, Trustee
Representative: Bret Sermersheim, Morley and Associates, Inc.
District: John Friend, Ward 5

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval from the Area Plan Commission, having 11 affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE R-2010-23**FROM APC****C-1 TO C-4 w/U&D**

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 4900 Pollack Avenue

Petitioner: Paul K. Neville and Melba Elvira Neville
Owners: Same
Representative: Morley and Associates, Inc.
District: Missy Mosby, Ward 2

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval from the Area Plan Commission, having 11 affirmative votes.

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman John seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Second Reading of Zoning Ordinances and to accept the Area Plan Commission Report. Voice vote. So ordered. Council now stands at Third Reading.

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Petitioner: St. Matthews United Church of Christ

Carl Gist: My name is Carl Gist and I represent St. Matthews United Church of Christ. We are proposing to rezone 120 square feet of our church property in order to accommodate an electronic sign. Our existing sign is failing. We have an aging congregation. They can't go out and change the letters on the sign so we're just trying to move forward and upgrade the church with an electronic sign.

Councilman McGinn: This is actually less square footage than your current sign. Is that what I recollect from Area Plan?

Carl Gist: Yes, we're just doing the mandatory requirements for the Plan Commission for 120 square feet. Basically, it's replacing the existing area where the sign is now.

President Watts: Is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak either for or against this petition?

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to adopt Zoning Ordinance R-2010-22 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: McGinn, Bredhold, Robinson, Friend, Adams, John, Walker, and Watts.

Absent: Mosby

There being eight (8) ayes and zero (0) nays, Zoning Ordinance R-2010-22 is hereby declared adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE R-2010-23 FROM APC C-1 TO C-4 w/U&D

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 4900 Pollack Avenue

Petitioner: Paul K. Neville and Melba Elvira Neville

Danny Leek: My name is Danny Leek with Morley and Associates and I'm here on behalf of Paul Neville and Elvira Neville. This is to rezone a portion of their real estate. This is part of the property that was rezoned back in 1998. They are trying to utilize this for a convenient store and in order to place a store on the site they need an additional 33 feet to be rezoned to a C-4. This is using the same use and development commitment we used in 1998 with no changes, just to add on that strip.

President Watts: Are there any questions by members of council? Would anyone in the audience like to speak either for or against this petition?

Councilman Adams moved and Councilwoman Bredhold seconded the motion to adopt Zoning Ordinance R-2010-23 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: McGinn, Bredhold, Robinson, Friend, Adams, John, Walker, and Watts.

Absent: Mosby

There being eight (8) ayes and zero (0) nays, Zoning Ordinance R-2010-23 is hereby declared adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2010-23 **PUBLIC WORKS** **ADAMS**

An ordinance to vacate certain public ways or public places within the City of Evansville, Indiana, commonly known as the alley between Walnut Street and Locust Street, in Donation Enlargement

RESOLUTION C-2011-5 **FINANCE** **FRIEND**

A Preliminary Resolution of the City of Evansville Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Tax Phase-In for Redevelopment/Rehabilitation of Real Property and for the Acquisition and Installation of New Manufacturing Equipment (Mead Johnson & Company)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE **CHAIRWOMAN MOSBY (ADAMS)**

Councilman Adams: Mr. President, your Public Works Committee met this evening to hear Ordinance G-2010-23 and with Ms. Worthington's request, it has been continued until May 23, 2011 at 5:20 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE **CHAIRMAN FRIEND**

Councilman Friend: Mr. President, your Finance Committee met this evening to hear Resolution C-2011-5 and it comes forward with a do pass recommendation

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to adopt the committee reports and move this resolution to Third Reading.

REGULAR AGENDA

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ORDINANCE F-2011-1 **FINANCE** **FRIEND**

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DISCUSSION:

Jenny Collins: Good evening. Jenny Collins of the City Controller's office. You should have in front of you a request for additional appropriation from the Parks' fund relating to the meeting we had last Monday. Dan Schall, the Parks Director, is here to speak on any specifics you have questions about.

President Watts: Are there questions by members of council?

Councilwoman Bredhold: I do have a question for Dan.

Dan Schall: Hi. Dan Schall from the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Councilwoman Bredhold: The resolution that was brought forth the last meeting specified improvements at Sunset Park and on the Greenway. How does this address the Greenway?

Dan Schall: Well, we will hire, with the entire packet, we are going to hire nine more part-time seasonal employees to work 30 weeks, 35 hours a week. Six of those nine individuals will create what we call the Evansville training team, leading by example. They'll be down on the

Greenway to address those issues as far as the Greenway, Sunrise Park, and any of the other parks within the parks system, from graffiti to vandalism to trash, painting street curbs, signage, you name it, that will be done.

Councilwoman Bredhold: What about repairs such as repairs to the asphalt.

Dan Schall: Asphalt repair is going to be a little bit more expensive and those funds right there will not address those issues. We do have a P.O. that is open from Goldman Asphalt from some asphalt repair from a year or so ago. We will try to utilize those monies, if not, we will have to re-appropriate some other dollars in order to address those.

Councilman Adams: Mr. Schall, is it possible to leverage volunteers to augment this group of people in the summer?

Dan Schall: I think anything is possible. I've met with UNOE, and as I've said many times before, we're only as strong as the volunteer base in our community, and we're only as weak as the individuals that come into to our community and damage and vandalize our parks. So yes, I think that will spur the opportunity for other volunteers to jump on board to make things happen.

President Watts: Any other questions by members of council? Anyone in the audience that would like to speak either for or against Ordinance F-2011-1?

Chester Downs: My name is Chester Downs. I came here last week for the Sports Grant. I didn't know that's what you were going to speak about was some of the vandalism that's going on at the parks and the money that you could utilize. Since I was here last week, we had three incidences at our park that I had to kick people out of at night time. They were in the process of vandalizing the park. I didn't call the police because I live 5 blocks from there and luckily I was driving home and saw it. There was a car actually parked up in the grass by the dugout getting ready to go out on the ball field. We have graffiti in every dugout. We have had shingles tore off roofs, we have had graffiti spray painted on buildings. There are green buildings and they spray paint black graffiti. This process has continued, and I spoke to Mr. Schall earlier and some of the things we discussed last week are being addressed. The gravel in the parking lot is evidently going to get fixed. I got a text from Ms. Mosby at 5:00 this afternoon saying the gravel in the parking lot would be fixed. But as far as the parks go, and I understand everybody is concerned about them because that is where our kids play, that's where families go. I hear Sunset Park and the Greenway, no offense, but I'm tired of seeing the South Ballpark finish last. It needs to be addressed. This is a story about poor people, everybody, somebody, nobody, and anybody. There is an import job to do. Everybody was sure somebody would do it. Anybody could've done it, but nobody did. Somebody got angry about that because it was everybody's job. Everybody thought anybody did it, but nobody realized that anybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that everybody blamed somebody when nobody did what anybody could've done. That's the bottom line. I sent two letters to the Mayor. I've gotten no response, none. I've written letters to the editor. I did get some responses on that, some good, some bad. But I'll take the bad because it's worth it. That's what's happened to this ballpark. Everybody could have done something, nobody did anything. I'm somebody. I'm going to do something. And he's right, we're only as good as our volunteers. We have several volunteers. We have several families that count on the ballpark. I understand that East Ballpark wants more property. Why? We've got good ballparks right down the road. They aren't being used. Use them. My Dad is 79 years old and everyday he gets up, lives in California, he goes and picks food for the

homeless. He just had a tumor removed from his spine. He was out picking food for the homeless a week and a half later. I talked to Dr. Troost this morning. He said "you're not the kind of man that just spends 15 minutes on a project and leaves, right?" I wasn't raised that way. I'm somebody. You guys are everybody. It's time that the city takes care of the lower income areas and those parks and make them safe again, make them fun again. We only have 22 kids on our major league fields signed up. You see some of those ball players back here. Don't do it for me. Don't do it for the adults. Do it for the kids. Give them money for people who will fix graffiti, have them start their own ballpark. I'll help. My ball players will help. I'll get boy scout troops there to help. We don't want the city to have to fund every single penny that goes into that park, but I wanted to show that when I started coaching there in the 90's and there were 450 kids on that field, and I left to coach a high school team, and I come back, we're down to 70 kids. At East Ballpark, there is 470 and they're 2.4 miles north of us. I just want you to think about that. So please keep this money going for him.

Councilman Adams: Sir, did you get a license plate on the guy that was there.

Chester Downs: No I didn't. I've been told This happened last year too. We don't have very good lighting at that ballpark. If you drive past there, and I don't know how many of you live on that side, Ms. Mosby lives right down the street from us, and I've contacted her for the last two years now. Now, no offense, it's an election year, I'm starting to get some response. It shouldn't be that way. These kids play ball every year. They don't just wait for election year, guys. Vectren is supposed to I believe put up three poles and add lights, because if you drive around there, the only way I got to see, bonehead had his lights on. If his lights were off, I wouldn't have been able to see the car. So, to answer your question, it's impossible until we get the proper step done at the park, and that means lighting, a good road, a good gravel parking lot. The sidewalks are horrible and there is constant vandalism. When I came to get that grant last week, I could have easily said we need \$10,000 because they vandalized the roof on the dugout for the four to eight year olds, they vandalized the concession stand, but I didn't. That's not your guys full responsibility. But a park, you know, if you go up the street just 4.3 miles and you see a mansion and you go south 4.3 miles and you see a poor man's house, which house are you going to buy? Same place as the kids who are going to play baseball. They're going to want to play baseball at a park that looks nice, that looks safe, because if you all have kids or grandkids or nieces and nephews, be honest with yourselves. You're going to want your children to play at a park that looks nice. And just because our park doesn't generate revenue with a swimming pool or a golf course, I've got kids out I'll do anything in the world for. I'm tutoring one of them. He's not my child, but I don't want him to fail in school. He should be able to come to a park and play baseball and be safe. If you've got any other questions, I'll be glad to answer anything.

Councilman McGinn: I would like to give you the handout that Dan Schall gave us to show that this is a step. So that just increase in part-time budget, so we're taking a step in the right direction here this afternoon, but mainly I want to thank you for caring about your neighborhood and hang in there with us.

President Watts: Any other questions? Anyone else like to speak on Ordinance F-2011-1?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman Walker seconded the motion to move Ordinance F-2011-1 to Third Reading. Voice vote. So ordered.

REGULAR AGENDA

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2011-4

A.S.D.

ROBINSON

An ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 16.10 Floodplain Management of the City of Evansville Municipal Code

DISCUSSION:

Ben Miller: This ordinance changes the floodplain data that we adopt as required by the National Floodplain...(Audio quit)

Councilman Walker moved and Councilman Adams seconded the motion to move Ordinance G-2011-4 to Third Reading. Voice vote. So ordered.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2011-4

A.S.D.

ROBINSON

An ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 16.10 Floodplain Management of the City of Evansville Municipal Code

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance G-2011-4 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: McGinn, Bredhold, Robinson, Friend, Adams, John, Walker, and Watts.

Absent: Mosby

There being eight (8) ayes and zero (0) nays, Zoning Ordinance G-2011-4 is hereby declared adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE F-2011-1

FINANCE

FRIEND

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Councilman Friend moved and Councilwoman Bredhold seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance F-2011-1 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: McGinn, Bredhold, Robinson, Friend, Adams, John, Walker, and Watts.

Absent: Mosby

There being eight (8) ayes and zero (0) nays, Zoning Ordinance F-2011-1 is hereby declared adopted.

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION C-2011-5

FINANCE

FRIEND

A Preliminary Resolution of the City of Evansville Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Tax Phase-In for Redevelopment/Rehabilitation of Real Property and for the Acquisition and Installation of New Manufacturing Equipment (Mead Johnson & Company)

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to adopt Resolution C-2011-5 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: McGinn, Bredhold, Robinson, Friend, Adams, John, Walker, and Watts.

Absent: Mosby

There being eight (8) ayes and zero (0) nays, Zoning Ordinance C-2011-5 is hereby declared adopted.

President Watts: The following resolution will be read into the record and will constitute the first reading. It will be discussed and voted upon at the joint meeting with County Commissioners and Reorganization Committee members at the March 14, 2011 meeting following this City Council meeting. It will have a second reading at a joint public hearing with County Commissioners on March 30, 2011.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION DOCKET –FIRST READING

RESOLUTION C-2011-7 (DOCKET)

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

**A RESOLUTION INCORPORATING AND CONSIDERING
A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has provided a mechanism through Indiana Code § 36-1.5-4, under which local units of government, with the express approval of their citizens, may enter into reorganization and/or consolidation agreements; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Act, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, Indiana (“Commissioners”) adopted Resolution No. CO-01-10-001 on January 5, 2010, and the Common Council of Evansville, Indiana (“City Council”) adopted Resolution No. C-2010-2 on January 11, 2010 and the Mayor of Evansville signed same on January 13, 2010, each proposing a reorganization between Vanderburgh County, Indiana (“County”) and the City of Evansville, Indiana (“City”) and authorizing the establishment of a Reorganization Committee (“Committee”) for the purposes of drafting a Plan of Reorganization (“Plan”) for consideration by the legislative bodies of the County and City. The Committee consists of twelve (12) members; three (3) each appointed by the County Commissioners, the County Council, the Mayor and the City Council.

WHEREAS, said Committee approved the “City of Evansville-Vanderburgh County, Indiana Plan of Reorganization, 1-11-11”, (“Plan”), and has submitted the Plan to the Evansville City Council, and the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners for their consideration and action; and

WHEREAS, The Plan is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council as the legislative body of the City of Evansville, now wishes to consider the Plan pursuant to I.C. 36-1.5-4-19; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Evansville that this resolution be read in at least two meetings, and following that, after having conducted a public hearing on the Plan, the Evansville City Council shall do one of the following:

1. Adopt the Plan as presented to the City Council.
2. Adopt the Plan with modifications.
3. Reject the Plan and order the reorganization committee to submit a new plan of reorganization within thirty (30) days, all pursuant to I.C. 36-15-4-20.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There will not be a City Council Meeting next Monday, March 21, 2011. The next City Council meeting will be Monday, March 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Committee meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Youth Sports Grant Awards:

President Watts: The Youth Sports Grant Subcommittee met Wednesday, March 9, 2011 and recommended awards to the applicants. That spreadsheet was provided in your packet. Do I have a motion to approve these awards?

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to approve the Youth Sports Grant awards for 2011. Voice vote. So ordered.

President Watts: Anyone else on council? Anything else under Miscellaneous Business? Anyone in the audience have anything under Miscellaneous Business? Seeing none, we will move on to Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ASD COMMITTEE:

Re: Ordinance G-2011-3

Date: March 28, 2011

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Notify: Robert Rock

CHAIRWOMAN ROBINSON

Amending Section 8.20.010 of the
Municipal Code

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Re: Resolution C-2011-6

Date: March 28, 2011

Time: 5:10 p.m.

Notify: Donna Crooks

CHAIRMAN FRIEND

Preliminary Tax Phase-In
for Sugar Steel

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Re: Ordinance G-2011-1
Date: March 28, 2011
Time: 5:20 p.m.
Notify: David Schminke

CHAIRWOMAN MOSBY

Petition to vacate right-of-way
3911 Pollack Ave.

Re: Ordinance G-2011-2
Date: March 28, 2011
Time: 5:20 p.m.
Notify: David Schminke

Petition to vacate right-of-way
3815 Pollack Ave.

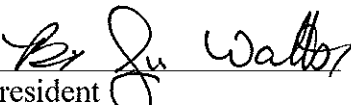
Re: Ordinance G-2010-23
Date: May 23, 2011
Time: 5:20 p.m.
Notify: Maria Worthington

A petition to vacate an alley between
Walnut Street and Locust Street
in Donation Enlargement

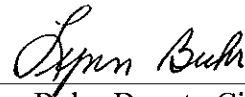
March 30, 2011 City Council Joint public hearing with the County Commissioners
Room 301 regarding the Plan of Reorganization
Time: 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Friend moved and Councilwoman Robinson seconded the motion to adjourn.
Voice vote. So ordered. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



President



Lynn Buhr, Deputy City Clerk

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

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SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

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ORDINANCE G-2011-4 **A.S.D.** **ROBINSON**

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RESOLUTION DOCKET

RESOLUTION C-2011-7 (Docket) (First Reading) **COUNCIL AS A WHOLE**

A Resolution incorporating and considering a plan of reorganization

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There will not be a City Council Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2011. The next City Council meeting will be Monday, March 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Committee Meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The Honorable Council of the City of Evansville is hereby called to order. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

✓
M^cGINN

✓
ROBINSON

✓
JOHN

A
MOSBY

✓
FRIEND

✓
WALKER

✓
BREHOLD

✓
ADAMS

✓
WATTS

There being 8 members present, 1 members absent, and 8 members representing a quorum, I hereby declare this session of Common Council officially opened.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This evening the pledge of allegiance will be led by Boy Scout Troop No. 399.

Fellow Councilmen and those in the audience, welcome to the March 14, 2011 meeting of the Common Council.

RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

Are there any students in the audience who would like to be recognized?

SCHOOL: _____
NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____
NAME: _____

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

Grace Schmitzky _____

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

This evening John Hamilton is City Council Attorney.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

This evening Officer NINE is our Sergeant at Arms.

READING AND AMENDMENT OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 meeting of the Common Council as written?

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held February 28, 2011 be approved as written. Voice vote. ✓ So ordered. ✓

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS
IN YOUR MARCH 11th PACKET:

- *City Council Agenda for March 14, 2011 meeting.
- *Committee Meeting Schedule.
- *Minutes from the February 28, 2011 Meeting of the City Council.
- *Finance Ordinance F-2011-1.
- *Ordinances G-2011-1, G-2011-2, G-2011-3, and G-2011-4.
- *Resolutions C-2011-6 and C-2011-7
- *Staff Reports and Minutes from February 10, 2011 Meeting of the Area Plan Commission.
- *February 1, 2011 Evansville Redevelopment Commission Meeting Minutes.
- *Evansville Housing Authority 2010 Annual Report.
- *A letter to City Council President B.J. Watts from Mayor Weinzapfel regarding the Zoo.
- *A copy of recommendation of Youth Sports Grant Awards for 2011 for approval by City Council as a Whole.

ON YOUR DESK THIS EVENING:

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman Walker

seconded the motion to receive, file and make these reports and communications a part of the minutes of the meeting. Voice vote. ☒ So ordered. ☒

President Watts: I would to have a motion to suspend the rules to hear Ordinance G-2011-4 on all three readings this evening. The vote must be unanimous.

Councilman Adams moved and Councilman Robinson

seconded the motion to suspend the rules and hear Ordinances G-2011-4 on all three readings this evening.

Roll Call:

___ M ^c GINN	___ ROBINSON	___ JOHN
<u>A</u> MOSBY	___ FRIEND	___ WALKER
___ BREHOLD	___ ADAMS	___ WATTS

There being 8 ayes and 0 and 8 votes making it unanimous, Ordinance G-2011-4 will be heard on all three readings this evening.

President Watts: I would to have a motion to suspend the rules to hear Ordinance F-2011-1 on all three readings this evening. The vote must be unanimous.

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman John

seconded the motion to suspend the rules and hear Ordinances F-2011-1 on all three readings this evening.

Roll Call:

___ M ^c GINN	___ ROBINSON	___ JOHN
___ MOSBY	___ FRIEND	___ WALKER
___ BREHOLD	___ ADAMS	___ WATTS

There being 8 ayes and 0 and 8 votes making it unanimous, Ordinance F-2011-1 will be heard on all three readings this evening.

CONSENT AGENDA

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2011-1 **PUBLIC WORKS** **MOSBY**

An ordinance to vacate certain public right-of-way within the City of Evansville, Indiana, commonly known as right-of-way reserved for Jeanette Avenue at 3911 Pollack Avenue

ORDINANCE G-2011-2 **PUBLIC WORKS** **MOSBY**

An ordinance to vacate certain public right-of-way within the City of Evansville, Indiana, commonly known as right-of-way reserved for Jeanette Avenue at 3815 Pollack Avenue

ORDINANCE G-2011-3 **A.S.D.** **ROBINSON**

An ordinance amending Section 8.20.010 of Chapter 8.20 of Title 8 of the City of Evansville Municipal Code

ORDINANCE G-2011-4 **A.S.D.** **ROBINSON**

An ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 16.10 Floodplain Management of the City of Evansville Municipal Code

ORDINANCE F-2011-1 **FINANCE** **FRIEND**

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville authorizing transfers of appropriations, additional appropriations and repeal and re-appropriation of funds for various city funds

RESOLUTION C-2011-6 **FINANCE** **FRIEND**

A Preliminary Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Evansville Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Tax Phase-In for Redevelopment Rehabilitation of Real Property and for the Acquisition and Installation of New Manufacturing Equipment (Sugar Steel)

Is there a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as written?

Councilman Robinson moved and Councilman John seconded the

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda as written. Voice vote. ✓ So ordered. ✓

CONSENT AGENDA

SECOND READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE R-2010-22

FROM APC

R-1 TO C-1

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 3007 First Avenue

Petitioner: St. Matthews United Church of Christ
Owners: Stan Hart, Trustee
Representative: Bret Sermersheim, Morley and Associates, Inc.
District: John Friend, Ward 5

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval from the Area Plan Commission, having 11 affirmative votes.

ORDINANCE R-2010-23

FROM APC

C-1 TO C-4 w/U&D

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana, more commonly known as 4900 Pollack Avenue

Petitioner: Paul K. Neville and Melba Elvira Neville
Owners: Same
Representative: Morley and Associates, Inc.
District: Missy Mosby, Ward 2

This petition comes forward with a recommendation for approval from the Area Plan Commission, having 11 affirmative votes.

Is there a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Second Reading of Zoning ordinances and to accept the Area Plan Commission Report?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman John seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda Second Reading of Zoning Ordinances and to accept the Area Plan Commission Report. Voice vote. So ordered. Council now stands at Third Reading which is final action.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE R-2010-22

FROM APC

R-1 TO C-1

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana,
more commonly known as 3007 First Avenue

Petitioner: St. Matthews United Church of Christ

Carl Gist
Watts
McGINN
GIST

Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance R-2010-22 and call the roll?

Councilman *John* moved and Councilman *Friend* seconded the
motion to adopt Ordinance R-2010-22 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL

✓ M^cGINN

✓ ROBINSON

✓ JOHN

A MOSBY

✓ FRIEND

✓ WALKER

✓ BREHOLD

✓ ADAMS

✓ WATTS

There being 8 Ayes and 0 Nays, Ordinance R-2010-22 is hereby declared
ADOPTED/DENIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ZONING ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE R-2010-23

FROM APC

C-1 TO C-4 w/U&D

An Ordinance to Rezone Certain Real Estate in the City of Evansville, State of Indiana,
more commonly known as 4900 Pollack Avenue

Petitioner: Paul K. Neville and Melba Elvira Neville

*Danny Leek
Watts*

Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance R-2010-23 and call the roll?

Councilman Adams moved and Councilman Bredhold seconded the
motion to adopt Ordinance R-2010-23 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL

✓ M^cGINN

✓ ROBINSON

✓ JOHN

A MOSBY

✓ FRIEND

✓ WALKER

✓ BREHOLD

✓ ADAMS

✓ WATTS

There being 8 Ayes and 0 Nays, Ordinance R-2010-23 is hereby declared
ADOPTED ~~DENIED~~.

CONTINUED
CONSENT AGENDA

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2010-23 ✓ PUBLIC WORKS ADAMS

An ordinance to vacate certain public ways or public places within the City of Evansville, Indiana, commonly known as the alley between Walnut Street and Locust Street, in Donation Enlargement

RESOLUTION C-2011-5 FINANCE FRIEND

A Preliminary Resolution of the City of Evansville Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Tax Phase-In for Redevelopment/Rehabilitation of Real Property and for the Acquisition and Installation of New Manufacturing Equipment (Mead Johnson & Company)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN MOSBY (ADAMS)

Councilman Adams: Mr. President, your Public Works Committee met this evening to hear Ordinance G-2010-23 and it comes forward with a (do pass/do not pass) recommendation. *CONTINUED MAY 23 5:20*

FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FRIEND

Councilman Friend: Mr. President, your Finance Committee met this evening to hear Resolution C-2011-5 and it comes forward with a (do pass) (do not pass) recommendation

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to adopt the Committee Reports and move this Ordinance and Resolution to Third Reading. Voice vote. ✓ So ordered. ✓

REGULAR AGENDA

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE F-2011-1

FINANCE

FRIEND

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville authorizing transfers of appropriations, additional appropriations and repeal and re-appropriation of funds for various city funds

DISCUSSION:

Jenny Collins - City Controller

Watts

Bredhold

Dan Schall

Bredhold

Dan Schall

Bredhold

Dan Schall

Adams

Schall

Watts

Chester Downs

Adams

Downs

Watts

McGinn

Councilman *Friend* moved and Councilman *Walker* seconded

the motion to move Ordinance F-2011-1 to Third Reading. Voice vote. So ordered.

REGULAR AGENDA

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2011-4

A.S.D.

ROBINSON

An ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 16.10 Floodplain Management of the City of Evansville Municipal Code

DISCUSSION:

Ben Miller - Building Commissioner
Watts
McGINN
Miller
Watts

Councilman Walker moved and Councilman Adams seconded
the motion to move ordinance G-2011-4 to Third Reading. Voice vote So ordered.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2010-23

PUBLIC WORKS

ADAMS

An ordinance to vacate certain public ways or public places within the City of Evansville, Indiana, commonly known as the alley between Walnut Street and Locust Street, in
Donation Enlargement

*Held
May 23, 2011
5:20 PM*

Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance G-2010-23 and call the roll?

Councilman _____ moved and Councilman _____ seconded the
motion to adopt Ordinance G-2010-23 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL

____ M^cGINN

____ ROBINSON

____ JOHN

____ MOSBY

____ FRIEND

____ WALKER

____ BREHOLD

____ ADAMS

____ WATTS

There being ____ Ayes and ____ Nays, Ordinance G-2010-23 is hereby declared
ADOPTED/DENIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE G-2011-4

A.S.D.

ROBINSON

An ordinance amending Title 16, Chapter 16.10 Floodplain Management of the City of Evansville Municipal Code

Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance G-2011-4 and call the roll?

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance G-2011-4 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL

✓ M^cGINN

✓ ROBINSON

✓ JOHN

✓ MOSBY

✓ FRIEND

✓ WALKER

✓ BREHOLD

✓ ADAMS

✓ WATTS

There being 8 Ayes and 0 Nays, Ordinance G-2011-4 is hereby declared ADOPTED/DENIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE F-2011-1

FINANCE

FRIEND

An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Evansville authorizing transfers of appropriations, additional appropriations and repeal and re-appropriation of funds for various city funds

Is there a motion to adopt Ordinance F-2011-1 and call the roll?

Councilman Friend moved and Councilman Bredhold seconded the motion to adopt Ordinance F-2011-1 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL

✓ M^cGINN

✓ MOSBY

✓ BREHOLD

✓ ROBINSON

✓ FRIEND

✓ ADAMS

✓ JOHN

✓ WALKER

✓ WATTS

There being 8 Ayes and 0 Nays, Ordinance F-2011-1 is hereby declared
ADOPTED/DENIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION C-2011-5

FINANCE

FRIEND

A Preliminary Resolution of the City of Evansville Declaring an Economic Revitalization Area for Property Tax Phase-In for Redevelopment/Rehabilitation of Real Property and for the Acquisition and Installation of New Manufacturing Equipment (Mead Johnson & Company)

Is there a motion to adopt Resolution C-2011-5 and call the roll?

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to adopt Resolution C-2011-5 and call the roll.

ROLL CALL

✓ MCGINN

✓ ROBINSON

✓ JOHN

A MOSBY

✓ FRIEND

✓ WALKER

✓ BREHOLD

✓ ADAMS

✓ WATTS

There being 8 Ayes and 0 Nays, Resolution C-2011-5 is hereby declared
ADOPTED/DENIED.

President Watts: The following resolution will be read into the record and will constitute the first reading. It will be discussed and voted upon at the joint meeting with County Commissioners and Reorganization Committee members at the March 14, 2011 meeting following this City Council meeting. It will have a second reading at a joint public hearing with County Commissioners on March 30, 2011.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION DOCKET –FIRST READING
RESOLUTION C-2011-7 (DOCKET) COUNCIL AS A WHOLE
A RESOLUTION INCORPORATING AND CONSIDERING
A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the State Legislature has provided a mechanism through Indiana Code § 36-1.5-4, under which local units of government, with the express approval of their citizens, may enter into reorganization and/or consolidation agreements; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Act, the Board of Commissioners of Vanderburgh County, Indiana (“Commissioners”) adopted Resolution No. CO-01-10-001 on January 5, 2010, and the Common Council of Evansville, Indiana (“City Council”) adopted Resolution No. C-2010-2 on January 11, 2010 and the Mayor of Evansville signed same on January 13, 2010, each proposing a reorganization between Vanderburgh County, Indiana (“County”) and the City of Evansville, Indiana (“City”) and authorizing the establishment of a Reorganization Committee (“Committee”) for the purposes of drafting a Plan of Reorganization (“Plan”) for consideration by the legislative bodies of the County and City. The Committee consists of twelve (12) members; three (3) each appointed by the County Commissioners, the County Council, the Mayor and the City Council.

WHEREAS, said Committee approved the “City of Evansville-Vanderburgh County, Indiana Plan of Reorganization, 1-11-11”, (“Plan”), and has submitted the Plan to the Evansville City Council, and the Vanderburgh County Board of Commissioners for their consideration and action; and

WHEREAS, The Plan is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council as the legislative body of the City of Evansville, now wishes to consider the Plan pursuant to I.C. 36-1.5-4-19; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Evansville that this resolution be read in at least two meetings, and following that, after having conducted a public hearing on the Plan, the Evansville City Council shall do one of the following:

1. Adopt the Plan as presented to the City Council.
2. Adopt the Plan with modifications.

3. Reject the Plan and order the reorganization committee to submit a new plan of reorganization within thirty (30) days, all pursuant to I.C. 36-15-4-20.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There will not be a City Council meeting next Monday, March 21, 2011. The next City Council meeting will be Monday, March 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. Committee meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Youth Sports Grant Awards:

President Watts: The Youth Sports Grant Subcommittee met Wednesday, March 9, 2011 and recommended awards to the applicants. That spreadsheet was provided in your packet. Do I have a motion to approve these awards?

Councilman John moved and Councilman Friend seconded the motion to approve the Youth Sports Grant awards for 2011. Voice vote. So ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ASD COMMITTEE:

Re: Ordinance G-2011-3
Date: March 28, 2011
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Notify: Robert Rock

CHAIRWOMAN ROBINSON

Amending Section 8.20.010 of the
Municipal Code

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Re: Resolution C-2011-6
Date: March 28, 2011
Time: 5:10 p.m.
Notify: Donna Crooks

CHAIRMAN FRIEND

Preliminary Tax Phase-In
for Sugar Steel

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Re: Ordinance G-2011-1
Date: March 28, 2011
Time: 5:20 p.m.
Notify: David Schminke

CHAIRWOMAN MOSBY

Petition to vacate right-of-way
3911 Pollack Ave.

Re: Ordinance G-2011-2
Date: March 28, 2011
Time: 5:20 p.m.
Notify: David Schminke

Petition to vacate right-of-way
3815 Pollack Ave.

G-2010-23 MAY 23, 2011

March 30, 2011 City Council Joint public hearing with the County Commissioners
Room 301 regarding the Plan of Reorganization
Time: 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman *Friend* moved and Councilman *Robinson*

seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice Vote. ✓ So Ordered. ✓

Meeting adjourned at *6:05* p.m.

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

March 14, 2011

YOUTH LEADERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Date: March 14, 2011

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Room: 318

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Re: Ordinance G-2010-23

Date: March 14, 2011

Time: 5:10 p.m.

Notify: Maria L. Worthington

CHAIRWOMAN MOSBY

Alley vacation Walnut Street and Locust Street
in Donation Enlargement

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Re: Resolution C-2011-5

Date: March 14, 2011

Time: 5:20 p.m.

Notify: Donna Crooks

CHAIRMAN FRIEND

Preliminary Tax Phase-In
for Mead Johnson & Co.

March 28, 2011

A.S.D. COMMITTEE:

Re: Ordinance G-2011-3

Date: March 28, 2011

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Notify: Chief Jarboe/Robert Rock

CHAIRWOMAN ROBINSON

Amending 8.20.010 of the Municipal Code

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Re: Resolution C-2011-6

Date: March 28, 2011

Time: 5:10 p.m.

Notify: Donna Crooks

CHAIRMAN FRIEND

Preliminary Tax Phase-In
for Sugar Steel.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Re: Ordinance G-2011-1

Date: March 28, 2011

Time: 5:20 p.m.

Notify: David Schminke

CHAIRWOMAN MOSBY

Petition to vacate right-of-way
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Re: Ordinance G-2011-2

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Time: 5:20 p.m.

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JONATHAN WEINZAPFEL

March 07, 2011

B.J. Watts
President, Evansville City Council
One N.W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Room 314
Evansville, IN 47708

Dear B.J.:

Evansville's Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden is a wonderful asset to our community, providing unmatched opportunities for education, conservation and recreation. The opening of the AMAZONIA Forest of Riches exhibit, birth of two Jaguar cubs, addition of a new Indian Rhino, and other efforts over the last few years have led to record-breaking attendance and revenue figures at the Zoo; and the potential for further growth is quite evident. However, the City cannot do more than simply maintain the status quo because of constraints on the City budget caused by State-imposed property tax caps.

As such, I am announcing today the formation of a Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden Strategic Planning Committee to examine the best governance model for the long-range financial health and continued growth of the Zoo, including the possible establishment of a public/private partnership. According to the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, nearly 70% of accredited zoos are managed by not-for-profits, with ownership and financial responsibility in the hands of the public sector.

I would like to request that City Council appoint two members to the Committee, which is to be comprised of business, non-profit and educational leaders. So that the Committee can begin working as quickly as possible, a meeting has been scheduled for this Thursday, March 10, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the Discovery Building at the Zoo. Please let me know the City Council appointees as quickly as possible to ensure that they are able to attend this meeting.

To provide guidance to the Committee, Schultz & Williams, Inc., a renowned consulting firm with extensive experience in governance models, public/private partnerships and strategic planning for zoos and aquariums, will be contracted and paid by the Evansville Zoological Society, a non-profit organization that has operated in support of the Zoo since 1929.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Weinzapfel
Mayor

cc: City Council

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MAR 07 2011

Alberta Matlock
CITY CLERK



MAYOR JONATHAN WEINZAPFEL

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
MARCH 8, 2011

PRESENTED TO:
THE ROTARY CLUB OF EVANSVILLE

When I came before you for my very first State of the City address, I have to admit, I was a little nervous. I had been Mayor for just three months, and frankly, I had little to report on since I was still trying to find my way around the Civic Center. So, I talked a lot about the future and about what I hoped to accomplish during my tenure as Mayor. Honestly, in many ways I, we, were all dreaming.

Now, here we are seven years later and I am giving my last State of the City address. I have traded that initial anxiety for a little bit of grey hair and a few extra pounds. But as I look around at our city today, I really think that dreaming, that visioning, that creativity has transformed our City.

You may not know it, but next year Evansville will celebrate its Bicentennial. Our City has been around for 200 years and in that time we have proven we are a resilient bunch.

When Hugh McGary first built his cabin on a bend in the Ohio River and tried to establish what he modestly called McGary's Landing, he already had stiff competition...from Henderson and Newburgh.

So good old Hugh had a creative idea: he invited war hero General Robert Evans to invest. In exchange, the name of the settlement was changed to Evansville. That was, I'm pretty sure, the first instance of naming rights being awarded in our City.

Three years later, these City leaders came up with another novel idea. They subdivided Evansville, making it easier to sell the land, and the City took off.

So, from the start, Evansville's progress was linked to its willingness to be creative and transform itself as conditions required.

As I reflect on the past seven years, I believe we have witnessed tremendous progress because, in a similar fashion, conditions required a transformation of our community.

When I became Mayor in 2004, our City was crying out for action and change. Our downtown had lost its vitality, our economy was struggling and honestly, our community was in danger of losing its pride. We were ignoring some of our City's major problems, and ignoring some of the things happening around us. We were risking what many of us feel is Evansville's best attribute: that it was – and is – a great place to live, work and raise a family.

I believed that if we did not act quickly to address the way we promoted our economy, planned for the future and pursued innovation, we would be destined for decline rather than primed for progress.

First and foremost, we needed to transform the way we attract businesses and create jobs.

Seven years ago, there was no strategic vision for creating jobs. Heck, there wasn't even a plan that people *weren't* following. So we established the Economic Development Coalition of Southwest Indiana to pursue a regional approach to marketing our region and attracting new

jobs. We created the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville to not only help attract new businesses, but also help existing businesses expand. And we established Innovation Pointe, the cornerstone of the Evansville Certified Technology Park, to provide high tech start-ups with the resources they need to succeed.

These efforts have led to significant economic growth and job creation over the past seven years.

Among the first major successes under my administration was the establishment of the AT&T call center in Evansville, a \$22 million investment that created 750 new jobs. American General Finance invested \$35 million to expand its headquarters in downtown Evansville, adding at least 150 new jobs. Berry Plastics has created more than 600 new jobs and invested more than \$130 million to consolidate its corporate headquarters in Evansville and expand production operations. Mead Johnson has invested about \$60 million, creating 55 new jobs, expanding its liquid baby formula production capabilities and developing a research and development technology center.

And we're not finished. In recent months, Sugar Steel established its first branch location in Evansville and Mead Johnson announced that it will further expand its powder processing and packaging operations.

And what has been the result? I am proud to report that by transforming the way we treat existing and prospective businesses, we have helped create more than 1,600 new jobs and incentivized an investment of almost \$250 million.

Despite the major impact of Whirlpool's departure, we have an area unemployment rate that has consistently been a full percent and half BELOW the state and national averages.

And, as the economy recovers, we are well positioned to see more investment because at the same time we were working on attracting jobs, we were working to improve education.

Evansville has been blessed with excellent schools -- both public and private -- and quality colleges and universities. However, we also have had our challenges. When I became Mayor, too many children were entering kindergarten without any prior formal education. Others either dropped out or failed to acquire the skills they needed to succeed in a global economy. And, to compound all of this, there was little collaboration between the schools and the community to help address these issues. If you remember, in 2003 EVSC sponsored a referendum to provide a \$10 million boost for the schools, and that initiative failed by a 3 to 1 margin. Our schools were in trouble.

I knew I had to get involved. One of my first acts as Mayor was to create the Evansville Education Roundtable. The Roundtable was set up to transform the way our local education system worked with the rest of the community to ensure that every resident had access to the best possible education.

By bringing together teachers, parents, students, administrators, business and labor representatives, social service agencies, and other partners, we've been able to foster a

collaborative environment to discuss and develop innovative ways to improve the educational experience for all.

The Roundtable created the Southwest Indiana College Access Network, or SICAN, to encourage minority, low-income or first-generation college-going students to pursue post-secondary education. SICAN provides the resources, counseling and guidance these young people need to navigate the college application and admissions process and, ultimately, pursue their dreams.

In only its third year, SICAN currently has more than 250 seniors enrolled in the program and most of them will graduate from high school and enroll in college. Just a couple of years ago, these young people would never have even considered continuing their education beyond high school.

A great example of the impact SICAN has had is portrayed through the experiences of a young man who I will call Andre. Several years ago, Andre's mother sent him and his brother to Evansville to live with their aunt because she could no longer care for them in Chicago. He participated in the SICAN program at Bosse High School, and after months of mentoring decided to go to Vincennes University the weekend before school started. SICAN staff helped him fill out his application and financial aid forms and drove him up to Vincennes. He now is finishing his second year there and expects to attend Indiana State University this coming fall semester. SICAN has helped change this young man's life and many others just like him...forever.

The Roundtable also endorsed the Early Childhood Development Coalition that focuses on giving our youngest students a strong start in school. Here's a statistic that might surprise you: about half of the kids starting kindergarten in our City have never been in a classroom before. They have never had a chance to go to preschool. Hundreds of kids are entering school unprepared and will have a difficult time catching up to their peers. How can we expect these kids to succeed?

As Mayor, I am committed to facilitating a serious community conversation around this very important issue. Together, as a community, we need to figure out a way through our collective efforts to ensure that every child has access to a quality early childhood experience so that they can enter school ready and prepared to learn.

By bringing the community and our schools together through the Roundtable, we have helped ensure that our young people are better prepared than ever to succeed as our City heads into its third century.

Dr. Vince Bertram has done a tremendous job building on the work of the Roundtable. Through his leadership and development of the EVSC's strategic plan, the EVSC has regained the confidence of the community and has produced results. Just think, a referendum to support the schools FAILED by a 3 to 1 margin in 2003; a referendum to support EVSC's strategic plan PASSED by a nearly 3 to 1 margin in 2008.

In addition to transforming our economy and the way our schools interact with the community, we've also transformed the very manner in which citizens are engaged in the governmental process.

Even before I convened the Education Roundtable, I established the Traveling City Hall program. By holding monthly meetings in various parts of town, Evansville residents have the opportunity to talk – one-on-one – with me and the heads of City departments. Whether they need a pothole fixed, access to City water service, a connection to State and Federal resources, or simply a sounding board, we have brought government to the people by holding 75 Traveling City Hall meetings to date.

And these meetings have brought out the good, the bad and the ugly. Believe me, I have heard it all. At one meeting, an elderly gentleman came just to shake my hand saying he had never met a Mayor before. At another, a person cried on my shoulder telling me about how flooding damaged her home and destroyed her wedding keepsakes. Probably the most difficult one was when dozens of angry residents showed up to protest the proposed construction of a new arena. But that is what public service is all about, making sure that you are accessible and willing to listen to the people you represent.

One way to make sure that you are listening to the people is to convene citizen advisory boards so that THEY can help resolve significant challenges in our community. We asked people to serve, regardless of political affiliation, to help chart a plan of action to deal with the City's aging municipal swimming pool system, neighborhood flooding and the future of Roberts Stadium. We utilized citizen groups to chart a course for the new Evansville arena and the establishment of the Evansville Arts District. Citizen engagement may have been the exception before I became Mayor; now it is the norm. And this expectation of citizen involvement is a very positive development regardless of how messy it can be sometimes.

Over the past seven years, we've also transformed City government, constantly looking for innovative ways to save taxpayer money and deliver services better.

We've come a long way from when local circuit court was held in Hugh McGary's log cabin...that also served as the general store. But some things don't change. Under my administration, we've never missed an opportunity to find ways to combine services and create efficiencies.

Last year, we decided to bring the management of the Water and Sewer Utility in-house, eliminate private management, and return control and accountability to the City. This move will not only save \$14 million over the next five years, but it will allow us to put those savings to work to reduce combined sewer overflows.

We continue to save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars by combining the purchasing power of the City, County, EVSC, and other partners through a combined purchasing cooperative. We also saved hundreds of thousands of dollars by having the City-County Building Authority oversee maintenance of our City facilities including The Victory Theatre, Roberts Stadium, Mesker Amphitheatre, and the C.K. Newsome Community Center. We also are

working with County government to save tax dollars and improve housing and commercial inspection services by looking to merge the City's code enforcement program into the Building Commission.

But I believe that in just a few short years, we will look back at these moves as just the precursor to the biggest government transformation of all: the consolidation of City and County government. The issues surrounding consolidation are genuine, complicated and too important to be considered without due diligence and meaningful community input. They will be subject to much debate over the coming months. However, this much is clear to me: in 2012 the residents of the City and County will have the opportunity to approve a consolidation plan that will modernize and streamline our local units of government, reduce bureaucracy and potentially save taxpayers money.

In my opinion, the battles in this community between City and County government over the construction of a new baseball/softball complex and the selection of a company to manage the new arena are examples of how dysfunctional local government can be. I am convinced that we would be well served by eliminating multiple levels of government and, in its place, installing streamlined government and focused leadership.

Times change, and so must the institutions and the communities that they serve.

Even though we have made government more efficient, we have not sacrificed service. And in doing so, we have also transformed the expectations of the people who live here.

When I came into office, decades of indifference had resulted in frequent flooding on the southeast side of town. Instead of ignoring a problem that was eroding neighborhoods, we decided to act and have committed an unprecedented \$120 million in improvements to fix the problem. That money has been used to expand our treatment plants and to install separate sanitary and stormwater sewers to control flooding and keep sewage out of people's homes.

But we're far from finished. This year we will eliminate failing septic systems in the Cave Avenue, Fickas Road and Mt. Auburn neighborhoods and install new sewers in the Cass Avenue, Jeannette Avenue and Eastview Terrace neighborhoods. And we are developing a comprehensive plan to upgrade our entire sewer system that will dramatically reduce combined sewer system overflows into our waterways and clean up Bee Slough.

We've begun to transform some of the City's oldest neighborhoods through the Front Door Pride and Evansville Arts District initiatives. We have demolished hundreds of blighted buildings over the past three years and acquired more than 120 lots for use in new construction or rehab projects. By the end of next year, we will have built more than 50 new homes. Several organizations are now joining in the effort, working to rehabilitate other homes in the area. In just a few short years, you won't be able to recognize the area.

Since I took office, we've completed four sections of the Pigeon Creek Greenway Passage and three more sections are scheduled to be finished yet this year. This will complete the Industrial Corridor along Pigeon Creek and create a 6.75-mile continuous trail stretching from Sunrise Park

to the Heidelbach Canoe Launch. Plus, we're accelerating plans to transform the way people can get around in our community by designing the remainder of the Greenway to create a 14-mile urban loop; providing safe bicycle and pedestrian access all the way out to Angel Mounds; designating north/south bike routes along Garvin and Governor streets; and designing a pedestrian bridge over the Lloyd Expressway to provide safe passage between the State Hospital Park and Wesselman Park recreational areas.

We've brought new life and new energy to Evansville's Mesker Park Zoo & Botanic Garden by building the Amazonia exhibit, renovating the Nocturnal Exhibit, and continuing our commitment to national programs such as Jaguar breeding. These and other efforts have led to record-setting years in terms of both attendance and revenue. And just yesterday, I announced the formation of a citizen advisory council to plan strategically for the future of the Zoo and identify ways to further maximize its profitability and expansion potential.

Strategic investments in our sewers, our streets, our neighborhoods, and our parks have transformed the look of our City and made life better for the people who live here.

But no part of our City has seen a greater transformation in the last seven years than our downtown. What started 200 years ago as a single structure had developed into a prosperous community, but, like most other urban centers across the country, it then began a steady decline.

I have always believed – and always said – that downtown is the heart of our City; it supplies the lifeblood of our region. If it is not strong, if it is not the center of energy for our City and its people, then Evansville will be unable to attract the dynamic jobs and people it needs to thrive.

That is why I have made downtown redevelopment one of my top priorities for the past seven years.

When I was elected Mayor, our downtown was lifeless.

But, bit by bit, building by building, block by block, we fostered a downtown renaissance.

By promoting condos and downtown living spaces, we now have twenty people calling downtown home for every one person who lived there just seven years ago.

By initiating the development of sites like Innovation Pointe, cMoe, the LST, and Aztar's Entertainment District, downtown has once again become a destination where people play as well as work.

By eliminating one-way streets and providing greater access from Riverside Drive into the downtown, we will make it easier to travel to and within downtown Evansville.

And as the new arena continues to rise out of the ground – on time, on budget and without an increase in taxes – you can see the excitement and the benefits it will bring.

Already, it has put more than 1,100 local construction people to work during the middle of a national recession when we needed the jobs and payroll the most.

It has inspired existing businesses to expand and new ones to open. Twilight Bistro, Main Gate Sports Bar, the new Peephole, LaSombra, Eclipse Spanish Tapas Bar, and Don's Clayton's Dry Cleaners are just a few of the new businesses that have made an investment in our downtown.

And, we will soon see the construction of a new convention hotel adjoining The Centre and the new arena. Our recently finalized agreement with Woodruff Hospitality is a powerful sign of the optimism and catalytic force that I expect the arena to play in our City's future.

And so, we have come full circle. Just as two hundred years ago Hugh McGary sought to transform the wilderness into a city, the City of Evansville continues to transform itself so it can grow and prosper. And I suspect Hugh McGary would be astonished to see how his homestead has grown.

The credit for the transformation is not mine alone. It would not have been possible without the support of citizens who wake up every morning determined to do right by their families and their community. It would not have been possible without the dedicated City employees who take pride in their service. It would not have been possible without volunteers, like you all here at Rotary, who donate many hours serving on advisory commissions and municipal boards

In the end, the best legacy any parent can give to a child is the means, the skills and the opportunity to make his or her own way in the world. I believe the best legacy a Mayor can give a city is the inspiration, the resources and the foundation to meet the challenges of the future.

My time as Mayor may be coming to an end, but as you know, the work is not done. Now we have a responsibility to build on our success. And that responsibility ultimately belongs to every citizen who calls Evansville home.

Thank you so much for giving me the privilege to serve as your Mayor.



Dan Schall, Parks Director
City of Evansville Department of Parks & Recreation
Monday, March 14th, 2011

In response to a request from City Council to allocate additional monies for Park Maintenance presents the following opportunity to hire (9) additional part-time employees.

1. Breakdown of Additional Appropriations

a. Wages	\$ 68,512.50
b. FICA	\$ 5,241.19
c. Equipment/materials/supplies	\$ 14,000.00
d. Fuel	\$ 11,250.00

2. Seasonal Part-Time Employment

- a. April 1st - October 31st
- b. 30 weeks
- c. Hourly wage \$7.25
- d. Hours per week 35

3. (3) New Seasonal Part-Time Employees

- a. Added to the East or West mowing crews
 - i. Responsibilities
 - 1. East 30 Parks 783.7 acres
 - a. 583.7 maintained
 - b. 200 wooded
 - 2. West 31 Parks 1,304.1 acres
 - a. 647.1 maintained
 - b. 657 wooded

4. (6) New Seasonal Part-Time Employees

- a. The Evansville Clean Team....Leading by Example
 - i. Responsibilities
 - 1. Graffiti removal/cover-up, playground safety sweeps, raking, trimming, playground equipment repairs, painting street curbs and facilities, installation park signage, trash and weed pulling. Plus assisting in other areas of maintenance as needed.

5. Breakdown Park Maintenance Staff

- a. East Operation
 - i. 3 full-time
 - ii. 3 seasonal part-time
- b. West Operation
 - i. 4 full-time
 - ii. 3 seasonal part-time (additional)
- c. Maintenance Operation
 - i. 2 full-time
- d. Clean Team Operation
 - i. 6 seasonal part-time (additional)
- e. Pool Operation (8 public pools)
 - i. 2 full-time
 - ii. 6 part-time (budget 2011)
- f. Mechanic Operation
 - i. 1 full-time
- g. Park Maintenance Administration Operation
 - i. 2 full-time

6. Annual Operation

- a. First quarter (January, February, March)
 - i. Facility and equipment inventory
 - ii. Playground inspection
 - iii. Pool preparation
 - iv. Lloyd pool operation/maintenance
 - v. Facility and equipment maintenance
 - vi. Lake/pond maintenance
 - vii. Tree trimming and pruning
 - viii. Signage development and placement
 - ix. In-house projects
- b. Second quarter (April, May, June)
 - i. Hiring seasonal part-time staff (April 1st – October 31st)
 - ii. Playground inspection
 - iii. Pool preparation
 - iv. Pool operation and maintenance
 - v. Lloyd pool operation/maintenance
 - vi. Facility and equipment maintenance

- vii. Tree trimming and pruning
- viii. Boat ramp maintenance
- ix. Mowing (7 to 10 day cut cycle)
- c. Third quarter (July, August, September)
 - i. Playground inspection
 - ii. Pool preparation
 - iii. Pool operation/maintenance
 - iv. Lloyd pool operation
 - v. Facility and equipment maintenance
 - vi. Boat ramp maintenance
 - vii. Mowing (10 to 14 day cut cycle)
 - viii. Mulching
 - ix. Pool closure process
- d. Fourth quarter (October, November, December)
 - i. Playground inspection
 - ii. Pool closure and inventory
 - iii. Lloyd pool operation/maintenance
 - iv. Facility and equipment maintenance
 - v. Lake/pond maintenance
 - vi. Mulch
 - vii. Tree trimming and pruning
 - viii. In-house projects

Evansville Redevelopment Commission
Tuesday, February 1, 2011

A regular meeting of the Evansville Redevelopment Commission was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 307, Civic Center Complex, Evansville, Indiana.

Attendance

Commission members present: Bob Goldman, Greg Elpers, Jay Carter, Jody Phillips, Sara Miller, and. Also in attendance: DMD Staff –Tom Barnett, Jane Reel, Lana Abel, Adam Schaaf, and Sarah Howard, as well as Legal counsel – Brad Salmon. Commission members absent: Karen Ragland (non-voting member).

Call to Order

Mr. Goldman called the meeting to order pronouncing a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2011

Ms. Miller moved to approve the minutes, as amended. Mr. Phillips seconded. The motion passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays. The minutes are attached and made part of these minutes.

Approval of Accounts Payable Voucher

There were no vouchers this week.

Arts Redevelopment Area

10-ERC-111 Authorizing Seeking Bids for the Alhambra Theatre Restoration Project

Ms. Sara Schuler, of VPS Architecture, stated that the Commission's permission is necessary to seek bids for the Alhambra Theatre Restoration Project. Ms. Schuler stated the budget for the project is \$350,000.

Mr. Phillips stated that he must abstain from voting due to his connection with VPS Architecture. Ms. Miller moved to approve the resolution. Mr. Elpers seconded. The resolution passed with 4 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

11-ERC-06 Authorizing Change Order No. 1 to the Contract with Deig Bros. for Construction of the Green Alley Pilot Project

Ms. Abel stated that the brick and asphalt are now being taken up for the Green Alley Project. This resolution would approve adding extra waterproofing at the subgrade along the portion of the alley where there is a house which sits directly on the right of way. The additional waterproofing materials will be an additional cost of \$598.00.

Mr. Goldman inquired if this was the only structure to need additional waterproofing or if more would be needed.

Ms. Abel stated that this house is the only one which sits directly upon the right of way.

Mr. Elpers moved to approve the resolution. Ms. Miller seconded. The resolution passed with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Downtown Redevelopment Area

11-ERC-07 Accepting Recommendations Concerning the Arena Management Contract

Mr. John Kish, Evansville Arena Project Manager, stated that the project had been working with the Evansville Arena Project Committee (formerly known as the Roberts Stadium Advisory Committee), who offered their assistance in reviewing the three Proposals that were received November 24, 2010 in response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ). He stated that the Committee formed a subcommittee as it had for other issues such as hockey, including Committee Chair Kathy Kleindorfer, former Chair Wayne Henning, Ed Hafer, Andy Goebel, John Friend of the City Council, and Sara Miller of the Evansville Redevelopment Commission. Mr. Kish stated that the subcommittee spent the day of January 6, 2011, interviewing two of the RFQ respondents. Mr. Kish stated that follow-up questions were developed for the interviews. The company that best answered the questions was VenuWorks, which is the recommendation of the subcommittee to the Commission. Mr. Kish also stated VenuWorks was the company which also best satisfied conditions of the RFQ based on experience and qualifications of the company. Mr. Kish also stated that business details and dollar amounts are to be negotiated in the contract, which needs direction from the Commission on whom to negotiate with.

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Ms. Miller, chair of the subcommittee, stated that information on the subcommittee was included in their packets. She stated the committee was pleased to have responses from three qualified companies and that the responses were in-depth. She added that the committee did meet before the interview day to insure complete vetting of the three firms, with assistance from Mr. Kish. Ms. Miller stated the interviews culminated in unanimous support for VenuWorks, who has a national reputation with emphasis on mid-sized markets. She stated interview questions focused on bringing in talent to bring the arena to life, as well as complement the other resources Evansville already has. She stated VenuWorks has the experience in dealing with our Division I men's and women's basketball teams, as well as the hockey league. She also stated that VenuWorks did not just have a management commitment, but a corporate commitment as well. She concluded that VenuWorks is the recommendation brought forth to the Commission.

Mr. Goldman asked if anyone from the subcommittee that is present would like to add or correct Ms. Miller's statements.

Mr. John Friend, City Council member, stated one company probably was not qualified as it only manages one particular arena in Bloomington, IL. Mr. Friend expressed concern with VenuWorks due to their rapid growth over the last five years. He stated that as a City Council member, he did not consult his colleagues before voting for VenuWorks as a member of the subcommittee. He stated that in retrospect he queried the other members of the Council, where seven members wished to remain with SMG while the other two members were not sure which of the two they preferred.

Mr. Goldman inquired if Mr. Friend had attended the meetings of the vetting committee, to which Mr. Friend stated yes.

Mr. Goldman inquired if after having heard the information from the interview process and having interviewed SMG and VenuWorks after deciding the third firm was not qualified, that Mr. Friend decided VenuWorks was the right firm.

Mr. Friend stated yes.

Mr. Goldman inquired if Mr. Friend went back to the Council, some of whose members expressed reservations about the decision without the benefit of attending the same meetings as Mr. Friend, and caused Mr. Friend to change his mind about the decision of the subcommittee to recommend VenuWorks.

Mr. Friend stated that he changed his mind with regards to issues that should have been reviewed. He stated some Council members informed him of some outstanding litigation. He stated it was his error as he did not adjourn and take the issue back to his colleagues and he is now voicing the opinion of the majority of the Council.

Mr. Goldman stated that it seems that the subcommittee came to its decision from business and community standpoints based on what is the best for the arena and the community.

Mr. Friend stated that there was no doubt that some issues came out that puzzled subcommittee members, including some issues with SMG that came about. He stated that he was in favor of an abbreviated contract, which was not supported by a majority of the subcommittee. He stated that the issue with the Council is in regards to the Centre and the Arena in competition.

Mr. Goldman inquired how the vetting committee addressed the issue of competition.

Ms. Miller stated that each firm was asked the question how it would handle the Centre being managed by SMG competing with the Arena managed by another firm. She stated that both firms acknowledged the competition and that competition is commonly healthy in those two different venues, with The Centre working to attract certain types of events and the Arena is specializing in other types of events. She also stated that various events would naturally gravitate towards the appropriate venue. She stated that it was addressed that with SMG managing the Centre and VenuWorks managing the Arena, there would be

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competition. She stated that her personal opinion is competition is healthy in that everyone will step up their game and bring Evansville the events it needs.

Mr. Goldman inquired if, as per the subcommittee's report, the subcommittee did consider the competitive process.

Ms. Miller confirmed and invited other subcommittee members to acknowledge that as well.

Mr. Friend also acknowledged the discussion of competition. He stated there were other issues from the Council. Mr. Friend stated another concern from the Council regarding downtown parking. With competition, events at both The Centre and the Arena at the same time would propose a challenge.

Mr. Goldman stated that from his redevelopment perspective the last thing to worry about is having too many people Downtown having fun.

Mr. Friend agreed, but he was just passing along the concerns of the Council which were not addressed by the subcommittee. Mr. Friend stated he should have communicated with the other Council members but failed to do so.

Mr. Goldman inquired if (Involvement with City Council members) added a political element to decision making.

Mr. Friend stated that it shouldn't be a political decision and the Council just wants what is best for the City of Evansville. He stated that a lot of effort, and money, has been invested into this project and (the Council) wants the Arena to be the flagship of Evansville. He stated that there are big advantages to being two hours from everywhere. He stated the Council is very excited about this and wants to take nothing for granted. He stated he felt it was incumbent for him to come in and express the Council's concerns as he did not adjourn the subcommittee before his vote. He stated that there were advantages and disadvantages with all these people and which was laid out before the Council.

Mr. Goldman inquired if Mr. Friend brought up to the Council the pros and cons of each of the respective companies. And if so, how did they respond to the pros and cons in regards to SMG.

Mr. Friend stated he sent detailed emails to all the Council members and they acknowledged that SMG had fallen short on a few occasions. Mr. Friend also stated that the Council members recognized the fact that SMG was dealing with a facility built in 1956 and all the issues related to the facility's age. Mr. Friend stated he addressed the fact that VenuWorks was 81% owned by Mr. Peters and 19% owned by his son, Joe. Mr. Friend also stated that he spoke on their succession planning of VenuWorks along with their ability to maintain their capital growth.

Mr. Goldman inquired if Mr. Friend was given the documents to show the growth of VenuWorks in the past five years.

Mr. Friend stated he was unsuccessful in acquiring the documents. He continued to state that he questioned VenuWorks about their retention of senior employees and he also mentioned this to the Council. Mr. Friend voiced his concern to the Council about Mr. Peters retiring, due to his age, and possibly having to work with Mr. Peter's son, Joe. He stated that certain members of Council mentioned VenuWorks had some problems with getting employees due to their rapid growth. Mr. Friend ended by stating the driving issue of 7 of the 9 member Council is to maintain the status quo of continuity and not competition.

Mr. Goldman offered for others to speak on the issue.

Marsha Abell, Vice President of the Vanderburgh County Commissioners, stated that the vote for the Arena management contract should be postponed on the premise that the elected body that controls the Centre was not a part of the management negotiations or discussions. Ms. Abell stated she spoke with Joe Keifer, President of the County Council, and Russell Lloyd Jr, County Councilman, about the contract issue. She stated that they feel strongly that they should have the opportunity to discuss what the

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Commission is calling "fair competition" between the Centre and the Arena. Ms. Abell continued to say the funding is all taxpayer dollars, which should not be competed with but should be used to make sure things go smoothly. Ms. Abell stated she was concerned that County citizens may have negative feelings if this issue is dealt with only by city representation. Ms. Abell goes on to mention the 20-year investment in the Centre, how SMG managed the Centre in 2009 in the black prior to the Executive Inn closing, how SMG managed with less income after the Executive Inn closed in 2010, and how there is a bridge that cost over a million dollars to build across MLK Blvd. to nowhere or a non-existent hotel. Ms. Abell also stated that the County had an agreement with the Executive Inn owner that the bridge would always be open to that hotel and in the event that the hotel closed, the County would be compensated. She stated that the County has been asked to help fund the building of the bridge to the new facility but due to the different management companies she does not believe the County citizens will feel favorably about doing so. Ms. Abell also said she thought it was a conflict to ask the County to build from their facility to the Arena because they will be in direct competition. Ms. Abell also stated the County has a 20 year investment to fulfill and she proposed a contract to have VenuWorks referring events proper for the Centre to SMG to help the County fulfill their investment. Ms. Abell finished by stating the County would like more time to review the issue and she wants the Evansville Redevelopment Commission to postpone the vote on the management contract until the next meeting.

Mr. Goldman inquired what waiting until the next meeting would provide.

Ms. Abell stated she wanted the opportunity for the County to invoke some of their ideas because they were left out of the process.

Mr. Kish stated the selection of a firm to manage the Arena started three months ago.

Ms. Abell inquired who was contacted at the County Council or County Commissioners.

Mr. Kish replied the President of the Commission was aware of the management RFQ.

Ms. Abell stated the County representatives were made aware of the management RFQ in the Evansville Courier & Press a day prior to the meeting and County officials should not hear of something like this through the newspaper. Ms. Abell goes on to state if the County officials are given until the next meeting to review the issue then she would give her recommendation at the next Evansville Redevelopment Commission meeting in two weeks.

Mr. Goldman inquired if there was anyone else to speak on the issue.

Mr. Cavelleri, Senior VP of SMG, stated SMG has been in Evansville for 20 years, they've had some problems over the years managing Robert Stadium, they would provide their financial statements and SMG would do anything if asked for the City of Evansville. Mr. Cavelleri also stated that SMG is a large corporation, they have an enormous staff that's not affected by succession, and they are not in any financial hardship. Mr. Cavelleri stated after hearing some of the concerns voiced, the competition exists between cities. Mr. Cavelleri summarized by stating that he agrees with Ms. Abell about tabling the issue until more information is obtained about the complex issue.

Mr. Goldman inquired about what Mr. Cavelleri thought of the comments about SMG taking Evansville for granted.

Mr. Cavelleri stated Evansville had 15 concerts last year and other cities similar in size to Evansville only had about 6 concerts. He stated with results like last year they are not taking Evansville for granted.

Mr. Goldman inquired about the savings that the Building Commission reported after taking over for SMG.

Mr. Cavelleri stated the figure the Building Commission reported as savings after assuming management from SMG is complicated, but SMG welcomes an audit to show what they've done.

Missy Mosby, City Councilwoman, spoke next stating that she agreed with the two previous speakers about postponing the vote. Ms. Mosby stated she was concerned with VenuWorks and how they will

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work with the City Council. Ms. Mosby stated she appreciates the dedication over the years that SMG has had to the City of Evansville.

Mr. Goldman inquired if yesterday in the newspaper was the first time Ms. Mosby had heard of this process.

Ms. Mosby stated she had heard of the process from Mr. Friend after the vote was taken, but she believes there was some poor communication.

Mr. Dan McGinn, City Councilman, also spoke in reference to postponing the vote. He stated that he queries whether or not the Arena subcommittee is subject to the open door laws? Mr. McGinn also stated that he doesn't believe the public was given proper notice on this issue and he would like to see all three vendors succeed in this process.

Mr. Curt John, City Councilman, stated he has known of the process for some time now. Mr. John stated that he has worked with SMG for 16 years and he is basing his comments on performance and not politics. Mr. John named 6 acts by name of which SMG has brought to Evansville recently.

Mr. Goldman inquired if there was an obligation in reference to the open door question raised.

Mr. Salmon stated he had not been asked to research the question by the body for which he works.

Mr. Kish stated he liked open meetings but they are not truly effective for interviewing service providers. He also stated he didn't think the committee was subject to the open door law. Mr. Kish added that he had a letter from the County Council President Joe Kiefer and was told to pass on a phone message of support from the President.

Ms. Miller inquired what the next steps were.

Mr. Kish stated the next step was to pick a company then negotiate the specifics of the contract.

Mr. Goldman inquired how the delay would affect the contract negotiations.

Mr. Kish stated whoever is selected for the contract then promotes the Arena for events.

Mr. Goldman stated that he didn't want to fight City Hall. He recommends waiting two weeks and allowing additional input.

Mr. Elpers and Mr. Carter agreed with Mr. Goldman to table the contract for another two weeks.

Ms. Miller stated the leadership within the City and County will help to guide how two management groups will manage.

Mr. Goldman stated the Commission will table Resolution 11-ERC-07 for two weeks.

Other Business

Updates to the Downtown Design Review Process – for discussion

Ms. Abel stated that changes to the process have been coming for the last year, particularly with staff changes at GAGE. There is a clause that has been included in the documentation regarding absences from meetings. Ms. Abel then opened the issue for questions and discussion.

Mr. Goldman recommended to rotate the meetings monthly for the Design Review Process and inquired if there was anyone present for GAGE to approve of the change.

Ms. Waninger, GAGE representative, stated she approved of the change.

Mr. Goldman inquired of Legal counsel Brad Salmon what step is necessary next.

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Mr. Salmon stated that to move forward, he would only need the direction from the ERC.

Mr. Goldman stated that Mr. Salmon was so directed.

Staff Reports

A demolition report was given by staff.

Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,



Jody Phillips, Secretary